

**REMARKS**

The Office Action of October 22, 2004, is discussed in detail below.

**Election of Species**

Applicant elects species 1, embodiment of Figs. 3 and 4 for prosecution on the merits if generic claim 1 is found to be not allowable.

Applicant further elects the element Ge as an additive element to the recited chalcogenide material.

Applicant notes that Claims 1, 2, 3, and 7 – 11 are readable on elected species 1 with the further election of Ge as an additive element to the recited chalcogenide material.

SUMMARY

The remaining claims in the application are Claims 1 – 14. Non-elected Claims 15 – 27 have been withdrawn by the Examiner in the Office Action dated October 22, 2004. If the Examiner has any questions or suggestions regarding this amendment or applicant's prosecution of this application, he is respectfully asked to contact applicant's representative at the telephone number or email address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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